

setting an example for the rest of the Nation and leading the way on the path to greater energy security.

Ending our dependence on foreign oil is one of the defining challenges of our generation and it's going to affect America for generations to come. It will affect our economy, our finances, our Nation's security and, ultimately, the kind of world our children inherit from us.

If we learned anything from September 11, it is that we can no longer afford to be dependent on places like Saudi Arabia, Russia, and Venezuela for our energy supply. Yet unfortunately, we are more dependent on foreign oil from hostile countries today than we were on September 11—making us more vulnerable and putting the United States in the uniquely disturbing and intolerable position of bankrolling both sides in the war on terror.

By tapping the energy potential of Indiana's farm fields, we can ensure a reliable domestic energy supply to meet our Nation's needs while ending our reliance on unstable countries for their oil and, at the same time, creating thousands of jobs for Hoosier farmers. South Bend's buses will run on B20 soy biodiesel, a clean renewable fuel that creates a new market for Indiana's 28,000 soybean farmers. Indiana's farmers represent some of the very best of our State's traditions and history, and I am proud that they will be our partners as we chart a path to energy independence in the 21st century.

Although it may seem daunting, we can reduce our dependence on oil. Brazil has announced that it expects to be energy independent by the end of the year by fulfilling its energy needs in part from domestically produced biofuels. If they can do it, so can we. And here in Indiana, we are beginning to understand the power and potential of renewable energy sources. Last year, the Indy Racing League announced its decision to use ethanol in its IndyCars. Beginning in 2006, all IndyCars will race on an ethanol-blend before switching to 100 percent ethanol fuel the following year. If a high performance vehicle running on ethanol can win the Brickyard, surely ethanol is good enough for the family minivan, too.

Today's announcement builds on Indiana's prominent leadership role in the country's growing renewable fuel industry. If cities around the country would follow South Bend's lead, step-by-step we could move towards energy independence.

Here in the Senate, I have introduced bipartisan legislation aimed at breaking America's dependence on foreign oil by reducing our use of oil by 7 million barrels a day by 2026. My legislation would achieve that goal by creating incentives to encourage the use of alternative fuels like those being used by TRANSPO and promoting greater energy efficiency. A key part of accomplishing this goal involves in-

creasing America's use of biofuels through significant increases in tax credits and grants. By letting America's farmers produce America's fuel, we will help truly set our country free.

I want to thank South Bend and TRANSPO for showing us how to start making that progress.●

RONALD SEAWRIGHT OF ST. LOUIS

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the achievements of an exceptional Missouri student.

Second grader Ronald Seawright of St. Louis has taken it upon himself to lead his peers in the St. Louis Public School District in an effort to end school violence, particularly bullying. Using his personal experiences at Laclede Elementary School during his first grade year, Ronald published a short book entitled "The Bully," which he hopes will guide other students to free themselves from bullying.

Ronald's book, "The Bully," explains who bullies are and what they do, as well as how to respond when you are frightened by a bully. Ronald's advice is sound: do not suffer the intimidation of a bully. He stresses the importance of communicating to trusted adults in order to help students overcome peer violence and abuse in its early stages before the school's learning environment is disrupted.

With the aid of his mother and local leaders, Ronald continues to spread his message. On March 14, 2006, public schools across the city of St. Louis are celebrating Live Bully-Free Day. Ronald has invited other school children to join him in learning the personal and social skills necessary to protect themselves from bullies, gangs, and their tactics. Ronald deserves to be commended not only for his courage but also for his great service and leadership in our community.

Mr. President, I encourage you and other Members of the Senate to join me in recognizing the initiative of this brave and creative young man, Ronald Seawright.●

IN MEMORIAM TO SAM CHU LIN

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to honor the life of Sam Chu Lin, who broke new ground as one of the first Asian American journalists. Mr. Chu Lin passed away on March 5, 2006, at the age of 67.

Mr. Chu Lin was born and raised in Mississippi. He had a lifelong interest in news and journalism. When he was a teenager, Mr. Chu Lin would listen to the radio at night, emulating the voices of the top broadcasters. His practice paid off in 1956, when he convinced his hometown radio station in Greenville, MS, that he could find sponsors and host a show of his own. Mr. Chu Lin later attended Michigan State University, where he received degrees in journalism and communications.

In the 1960s, Mr. Chu Lin began his career as a journalist, working as a re-

porter and anchor at television and radio stations, including KRON-TV in the San Francisco Bay area, and KTLA Channel 5 and KFWB radio, both in Los Angeles. In the 1970s, he became one of the first Asian-American journalists to rise from local to network news, working for CBS News in New York. While at CBS, Mr. Chu Lin reported to a national television audience the historic news that the Vietnam War was over.

Throughout his career, Mr. Chu Lin demonstrated his versatility as a reporter. He interviewed Presidents and world leaders, and he covered earthquakes and other natural disasters. In the late 1980s, he reported from China about the government crackdown on the Tiananmen Square demonstration for democracy. Since 1995, Mr. Chu Lin worked at KTTV Fox 11 News in Los Angeles. In addition, he wrote numerous articles about Asian-American affairs for news publications such as Asian Week, Rafu Shimpo, the Nichi Bei Times, and the San Francisco Examiner. He was also a regular contributor to KQED radio in San Francisco.

Over the years, Mr. Chu Lin was the recipient of many awards and accolades from prestigious organizations, including the Associated Press, United Press International, the Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Greater Los Angeles Press Club, and the Radio and Television News Association. As a strong advocate for Asian-Pacific-Americans and their contributions throughout history, Mr. Chu Lin was also the recipient of many awards from Asian-Pacific-American organizations, most recently the 2005 Spirit of America Award from the Chinese American Citizens Alliance.

Sam Chu Lin believed that journalism should be educational, and that "informing and helping others is what makes journalism exciting." He felt that journalism was a "chance to use your roots for a positive purpose." In his reports, articles, and stories, it was evident that Mr. Chu Lin did just that. He was a tireless advocate on behalf of the Asian-Pacific-American community, whether he was producing documentaries on the Asian-Pacific American experience or speaking to organizations about the importance of civic participation. His contributions to the field of journalism, especially within the Asian-Pacific-American community, will not be forgotten.

Mr. Chu Lin is survived by his wife, Judy; his two sons, Mark and Christopher; and his mother. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family.

Sam Chu Lin was a pioneer among Asian-American journalists, and he will be missed by all who knew him. We take comfort in knowing that future generations will benefit from his tenacity, his strength and his desire to make America a better place to live.●